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ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY, NOVEMBER 22, 1963, DALLAS, TEXAS

By letter dated July 16, 1964, the President's Commission referred to a memorandum captioned "Dallas, Texas, March 23, 1964." This memorandum contained the transcripts of all radio transmissions from Channel 1 and Channel 2 of the Dallas Police Department radio station covering the period from 10:00 A.M., November 22, 1963, to 6:00 P.M., November 24, 1963, as they relate to the assassination of President KENNEDY, the murder of Dallas Police Officer J. D. TIPPIT, investigations of said assassination and murder, and the security and movement of LEE HARVEY OSWALD to the Dallas County Jail.

The President's Commission letter advised that in view of the importance of these transcripts, it was desired that the Federal Bureau of Investigation obtain the original tapes of the radio broadcasts and a new transcript be prepared from these tapes for the period 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on Friday, November 22, 1963, and from 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, November 24, 1963. The President's Commission letter requested that the name of the reporting police officer be listed alongside each message.

On July 21, 1964, Chief of Police JESSE E. CURRY, Dallas Police Department, Dallas, Texas, made available to a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation the original recordings reflecting the radio transmissions of Channel 1 and Channel 2 of Dallas Police Department Radio Station KXB 364 for the above-described period, and these recordings were reviewed by a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation on July 21, 22, 23 and 24, 1964, at the Dallas Police Department.

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The radio transmissions for the period 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on November 22, 1963, and 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on November 24, 1963, on Channel 1 of Dallas Police Radio Station KXB 364 were recorded on dictabelts using "Dictaphones" purchased by the Dallas Police Department in 1957. These dictabelts are badly worn from being played and, in many places, the dictabelt skips and some of the messages are garbled.

The radio transmissions for the period 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on November 22, 1963, on Channel 2 of Dallas Police Radio Station KXB 364 were recorded on a "Gray Audograph" recorder using 8½" flexible Celluloid discs. This equipment was purchased by the Dallas Police Department in the early 1950's. It was noted that these discs are badly worn from being played. In many places, the discs skip and portions of the messages are garbled.

On July 21, 1964, Lieutenant D.H. GARRETT, Platoon Comr Dallas Police Department, advised that on November 22, 1963, between the hours of 10:00 A.M. and 3:00 P.M., three radio dispatchers were on duty at the Dallas Police Department at the same time. He stated that two dispatchers handled Channel 1, each working an opposite side of the radio console which separated one dispatcher from the sight of the other. On this radio console, above each dispatcher, are a series of knobs with a unit number assigned to each knob. The purpose of the knobs is to indicate which units are "in service" and which units are "out of service." Upon being contacted by any of the units the dispatcher, in addition to replying to the unit calling, adjusts the knob relating to the unit calling, to either the "in service or "out of service" position.

The third radio dispatcher's position is located at one end of the radio console. This position is for the Channel 2 dispatcher. Channel 2 is usually used only when a special situation is anticipated, as was the case on November 22, 1963, during the Presidential motorcade. This relieves the volume of

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radio traffic on Channel 1 and permits these dispatchers to handle other traffic with greater ease.

Lieutenant GARRETT advised that each dispatcher has a time stamp clock before him and pointed out these clocks are not synchronized. He demonstrated by simultaneously time stamping a blank piece of paper, using two of the clocks. It was noted that one clock stamped the time as 11:16 A.M. and that the other clock stamped the time as 11:17 A.M. He stated this would explain a time element variation between Channel 1 and Channel 2. He further pointed out that the position of the hands on the clock appear different, depending on the angle of sight from which one is looking at the clock. He stated a short person would have a different angle of sight than a tall person. Lieutenant GARRETT stated this quite probably would explain the time element variation of the shooting of Officer J. D. TIPPIT with the Channel 1 entry indicating the approximate time as 1:16 P.M. and the Channel 2 entry indicating the approximate time as 1:18 P.M.

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Lieutenant GARRETT also pointed out that the information relating to the shooting of Officer TIPPIT was broadcast to the Dallas Police Department on Channel 1 by a citizen using Officer TIPPIT's police car radio, which is a different radio frequency than Channel 2. He stated that this same information was then rebroadcast on Channel 2, which could also explain the time element variation between 1:16 P.M. and 1:18 P.M.

The following is a transcript of the radio transmissions from Channel 1 and Channel 2 of the Dallas Police Radio Station KXB 364 for the periods 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on November 22, 1963, and 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on November 24, 1963, it being noted that Channel 2 was not operating during the period 10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. on November 24, 1963, as they relate to the assassination of President KENNEDY, murder of Dallas Police Officer J. D. TIPPIT, investigations of said assassination and murder, and the security and movement of LEE HARVEY OSWALD to the Dallas County Jail:

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Channel 1, 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M., November 22, 1963

Caller	Conversation
Dispatcher (J. A. MC DANIEL and B. D. HUFFSTUTLER	10:00 A.M., KXB-364
Dispatcher (MC DANIEL and HUFFSTUTLER)	39 (Patrolman J. F. BUTCHER and C. W. CONER)
39 (Patrolman BUTCHER and CONER)	39 (Patrolman BUTCHER and CONER)
Dispatcher (MC DANIEL and HUFFSTUTLER)	Channel 2 (10:06)
285 (Patrolman J. Y. ALVIS)	285 (Patrolman J. Y. ALVIS)
Dispatcher (MC DANIEL and HUFFSTUTLER	285 (Patrolman ALVIS)
285 (Patrolman ALVIS)	Out Love Field assignment.
Dispatcher (MC DANIEL and HUFFSTUTLER)	10-4, 10:08.
260 (Sergeant D. V. HARKNESS)	260 (Sergeant HARKNESS)
Dispatcher (MC DANIEL and HUFFSTUTLER)	260 (Sergeant HARKNESS)
260 (HARKNESS)	Let me talk to 290 (Sergeant R. B. HOWARD), please.
Dispatcher (MC DANIEL and HUFFSTUTLER)	290 (HOWARD).
290 (HOWARD)	290 (HOWARD).

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